

TOWN OF JEROME

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.

ITEM #1:	CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll.

Mayor Check called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Nikki Check, Vice Mayor Lew Currier and Councilmembers Anne Bassett and Bill Phinney. Councilmember Randall Hunt was not present.

Other staff in attendance at roll call included Town Engineer Jim Binick and Deputy Town Clerk Rosemarie Shemaitis.

ITEM #2: 4:35 pm

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CLEOPATRA HILL WATER TANK REFURBISHMENT

The Mayor and Council may award a contract for the refurbishment of the Cleopatra Hill water tanks. Funding for this project was awarded to the Town through a CDBG grant.

Councilmember Bassett asked why the contractor's wages are so high. Mr. Binick said that wages are stipulated by NACOG in compliance with State law.

Mayor Check asked Mr. Binick to explain the project. Mr. Binick said that this is going to be one of the most difficult projects that has been done here. We received only one bid and it was close to our budget. We were hoping to receive approximately \$300,000 in grant monies, but funds were cut. For that reason, he broke up the project into smaller pieces when preparing the bid specifications. We will have to postpone some parts of the project, he said, but we will make them work and make them safe. He said that our primary focus will be to do the work that is required. Mr. Binick said that the contractors who submitted the bid do good work and have minimal change orders.

Vice Mayor Currier asked if these are the same contractors who did the work on those tanks previously. Ms. Binick said that it is a different company; the original company retired. Ms. Gallagher noted that this company is the same one that installed our two new tanks on Sunshine Hill.

Councilmember Phinney asked what size valves will be used. Mr. Binick replied that they will be 4" valves.

Vice Mayor Currier asked if we should be prepared downstream for a rupture. Mr. Binick replied that they looked at the piping around the tanks and as long as water is in the tank, the pressure should be good. He said that the only reason for a rupture in those

¹ Clerk's note: During approval of these minutes, Ms. Bassett requested that it be noted here that she never seriously questioned the NACOG wage standard, which she knows better than to do. She only WISECRACKED that crew should be paid the same wages as Council.





pipes would be if someone hit them with a backhoe or other piece of equipment.

Councilmember Currier asked if the water could be released to a sluice, if needed. Mr. Binick said that it could be done.

Councilmember Phinney asked why the pricing is different for Tank 1 and Tank 2. Mr. Binick explained that mobilization for the project begins with the first tank; it costs more than the second tank because they are actually bringing up all the supplies and doing the preparations for both tanks.

Vice Mayor Currier asked when they would be starting and when the project would be done. Mr. Binick said that the contractor is ready to start, but they have a total of 136 days in which to do it. He said that if the contract is issued by May 10, the project should go to the end of September. Mr. Binick said that once we give the contractor notice to proceed, he will get started.

Motion: Vice Mayor Currier made a motion to **award the contract.** It was seconded by Mayor Check.

There was discussion as to how to present the motion. Councilmember Bassett wanted to be specific and name all the add-alternates. Councilmember Phinney suggested awarding it "as presented." Mr. Binick said that the only items that could change are 1A and 1B, which are contingency items.

Vice Mayor Currier reworded his motion to include "as presented to Council."²

Mayor Check called the question and it was approved by all.

Vice Mayor Currier said that he would like to know what the contingency amounts come to once that has been determined.

Mr. Binick said that the tanks were built under the old regulations and recoated under the old regulations. He said that they used coal-tar paint, which is no longer used. He said that they will have to remove that paint before they can assess what exactly needs to be done. The good news, he said, is that the tanks look like they still have a lot of steel on them.

Mr. Binick said that he had been worried about the project budget and he is relieved that we'll be able to do it.

Mayor Check said that it was a good job separating out the bid. Councilmember Bassett said that this has been at the top of our list for the last 20 years and Mr. Currier agreed.

ITEM #3: 4:50

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Currier, seconded by Councilmember Bassett and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Prepared by Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher from minutes taken and transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Rosemarie Shemaitis.

APPROVE:	ATTEST:
Nikki Check, Mayor	Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk
	Date:

² A copy of Ms. Gallagher's memo regarding the project, as presented to Council, is included at the end of these minutes.